

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 23, and 24 are amended and new Claim 25 is added by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 23, and 24 and new Claim 25 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 3, 6-9, 16, 19, and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 1-5, 9-18, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rohrbaugh et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0091738, hereinafter "Rohrbaugh") in view of Björk et al. ("WEST: A Web Browser for Small Terminals," hereinafter "Björk"); and Claims 6-8 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rohrbaugh in view of Björk and further in view of Liao (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0021681) and Soares (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0145603).

With regard to the rejection of Claims 3 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 3 and 16 are amended to replace "said news-item marker display control means displays each of said news-item markers in the proximity of a header of each news item" with "said news-item marker display control means displays each of said news-item markers a predetermined distance from a header of each news item." Accordingly, Claims 3 and 16 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 6-9 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 6-8 and 19-21 recite a first embodiment having two display screens and Claims 9 and 22 recite a second embodiment with one display screen. As all of Claims 6-9

¹See, e.g., Figures 7 and 8.

and 19-22 are consistent with the claims from which they depend, it is respectfully submitted that the metes and bounds of all of Claims 6-9 and 19-22 is clear. Accordingly, Claims 6-9 and 19-22 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rohrbaugh in view of Björk, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part:

wherein said image information display control means displays said image of said page space image information among said electronic information onto said display means ***without said news-item markers until said operation is executed through said operation means.***

In contrast, Rohrbaugh describes an apparatus that displays a web page 210 including links 224A and 226A.² However, Rohrbaugh does not teach or suggest “news-item marker display control means,” as conceded in the outstanding Office Action.³ Thus, Rohrbaugh does not teach or suggest that “said image information display control means displays said image of said page space image information among said electronic information onto said display means without said news-item markers until said operation is executed through said operation means,” as Rohrbaugh does not teach or suggest “news-item marker display control means” to display news-item markers. Accordingly, Rohrbaugh does not teach or suggest that “said image information display control means displays said image of said page space image information among said electronic information onto said display means ***without said news-item markers until said operation is executed through said operation means***” as recited in amended Claim 1.

The outstanding Office Action cited Björk as describing “news-item marker display control means.”⁴ However, the Office Action does not identify what structure in Björk is “a

²See Rohrbaugh, paragraph 73 and Figure 4A.

³See the outstanding Office Action at page 5, line 8 to page 6, line 4.

⁴See the outstanding Office Action at page 7, line 3 to page 8, line 3.

news-item marker.” Björk simply describes a display on a palm pilot that shows pages that always include links.⁵ Further the outstanding Office Action does not identify what operation causes “news-item markers” to appear on the display of Björk, and there is no drawing or description in Björk showing a display without “news-item markers”, and then after an operation, the same display with “news-item markers.” Accordingly, Björk does not describe “news-item marker display control means” or that “said image information display control means displays said image of said page space image information among said electronic information onto said display means *without said news-item markers until said operation is executed through said operation means*” as recited in amended Claim 1.

Thus, as neither Rohrbaugh nor Björk teach or suggest “news-item marker display control means” or that “said image information display control means displays said image of said page space image information among said electronic information onto said display means without said news-item markers until said operation is executed through said operation means” as recited in amended Claim 1, Claim 1 (and Claims 2-13 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Rohrbaugh in view of Björk.

Independent Claims 14, 23, 24, and 25 also recite similar elements as Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 14, 23, 24, and 25 (and Claims 15-22 dependent therefrom) are patentable over Rohrbaugh in view of Björk for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 6-8 and 19-21 as unpatentable over Rohrbaugh and Björk in view of Liao and Soares, it is noted that Claims 6-8 and 19-21 are dependent from Claims 1 and 14, respectively, and thus are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Liao and Soares do not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Rohrbaugh and Björk. Accordingly, it is

⁵See Björk, pages 190-192.

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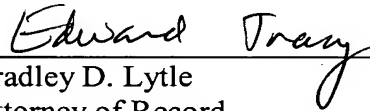
respectfully submitted that Claims 6-8 and 19-21 are patentable over Rohrbaugh and Björk
in view of Liao and Soares.

New Claim 25 is supported at least by original Claim 1. As new Claim 25 recites
similar elements to Claim 1, albeit in non-“means plus function” format, Claim 25 is
allowable for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.
An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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